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ABSTRACT

This guide is designed for adults who want to improve their literacy and basic numeracy skills in English. The guide is partly a workbook, providing room for learners to write directly on the pages. It contains facts and figures of interest to both learners and teachers, and it encourages discussion and provides its users with an opportunity to share a wide variety of experiences. The guide consists of learner-centered material that reflects the experiences of many people who live in public housing. Stories, poems and factual information form a basis for discussion. The materials on percentages and fractions offer an opportunity to strengthen numeracy skills in a living context. Backgrounds materials provide important information for a better understanding of the experience of some immigrants to Canada, the Native experience in Canada, the realities confronting people living on inadequate incomes, and the impact of racism on community life. Some material is written in a mixture of standard English and Jamaican, so that the reader is challenged to try a new language experience. The book consists of four chapters: From Around the Globe, Housing, Health and Happiness, My Mama Says Education is a Must and This Land is the House We Have Always Lived In. Important resources for further reading are listed. (Adjunct ERIC Clearinghouse on Literacy Education) (LET)

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